(*b*) whether they have received representations from the public praying for the construction of bridges and culverts : and

(*c*) what action, if any, was taken on them?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) It was decided after consultation with the Chief Engineer that the construction of the bridges may be deferred on account of financial considerations.

Canal from Alleppey to Changanacherry.

262. ***MR. E. P. VARGHESE :** Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken for the completion of the canal from Alleppey to Changanacherry?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : This will be considered after the proposal for opening a canal and road combined is decided.

Means of Communication in the coastal regions of Shertala and Ambalapuzha taluks.

263. ***MR. E. P. VARGHESE :** Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken for the means of communication in the coastal regions of Shertala and Ambalapuzha taluks?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : In view of the prohibitive cost of opening a road along the west coast from Alleppey to the northern State boundary, the question cannot be regarded as financially practicable.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE : May I know roughly the estimate of cost for constructing one mile of that road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : It would come to roughly about 15 thousand rupees.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE : What is the distance of the proposed road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : I can't answer that question now, the road was not surveyed.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE : May I know at what rates the cross roads were constructed in those parts?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : That also, Sir, I am not in a position to answer.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE : Was it not much below 15 thousand rupees per mile?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : Cross road construction would not be suitable for a main road which this would be. Many things would have to be taken into consideration in the matter of estimating the cost of a road. The price of land, labour charges and transport charges and cost of materials etc. all these will vary the cost and there are many other points also to be considered.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE : Suppose, the land is given free, what will be the cost for constructing the road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : I cannot give you an estimate without knowing first all the conditions. I have mentioned what a rough figure for a road in that neighbourhood would be.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE : May I know whether it would be practicable to spread the work over a number of years?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Certainly it is possible, but even then we shall require substantial funds each year.

Grievances of the Reading Section of the Government Press.

264. ***MR. M. G. MATTHEW** (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartikapally*), Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Administration Controller of Printing and Stationery has received a memorial from the Government Press Reading Section staff dated 24-5-1113, praying for the redress of certain grievances; and

(*b*) whether the Readers and Examiners are given promotions according to their grades and seniority?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Readers and Examiners are given promotions according to their grades and seniority, preference being however given to persons with general and technical qualifications.

Supplementary list for the English S. L. C. Examination.

265. ***MR. M. G. MATTHEW:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a supplementary list of successful candidates who appeared for the English S. L. C. Examination, has been published; and

(*b*) if so, what prevented the Education Department from including them also in the original list?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*) Yes;

(*b*) Details of the moderation rules on the basis of which the Supplemental list had to be prepared became available only on the 27th May 1938. Therefore the names of the candidates given out in the Supplemental list could not be included in the Preliminary List published earlier on the 17th May 1938.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW: May I know why the moderation rules are delayed this year?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: The rules are framed by a committee of outsiders. We have no control over their actions.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW: May I know why Government have delayed the publication of the Suplementary list instead of publishing it along with the preliminary list?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: That would have been disastrous to the students. A number of schools had reopened and a few colleges were reopening early, and the students naturally were anxious to join without losing any time.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW: Does not that difficulty arise in the case of students who pass in the supplementary list?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Yes, they can also join.....

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know why the supplementary list is published?

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